

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 stand allowed before this Amendment. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-20. In the present Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests cancellation of claims 1-9 and 16-20 in an Amendment after the Notice of Allowance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312. After the cancellation of claims 1-9 and 16-20, claims 10-15 will remain standing in a state of allowance.

Applicant recognizes that entry of an amendment after a Notice of Allowance is at the discretion of the Office. (See, generally, 37 CFR 1.312). The present Amendment is timely as it is filed on or before the date the issue fee is paid. (See MPEP 714.16). Applicant respectfully suggests that the Examiner has authority to enter an amendment merely cancelling claims from an application. (See MPEP 714.16). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner exercise his discretion to enter the present Amendment to cancel claims 1-9 and 16-20.

Reservation of Rights

Applicant has canceled claims 1-9 and 16-20 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding in this application that those claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as Applicant agrees with the Examiner that such claims are patentable subject matter. (See Notice of Allowance of August 16, 2007). Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

CONCLUSION

In the present Amendment, Applicant canceled claims 1-9 and 16-20 in an Amendment after Notice of Allowance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner exercise his discretion to enter the present Amendment and cancel claims 1-9 and 16-20, leaving claims 10-15 remaining in state of allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at (512) 391-4913.

No fee is believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 09-0447 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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